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FEWER FARES- BETTER PRICES

FISHERMEN ARE VERY SCARCE NOW

CRAFT WAS OUT ONLY 17 DAYS

SEINERS ARE UP AGAINST FO

But at That Trade is Not Lively at Boston Fish Marts.

There was but little change in the trade situation at the Boston fish marts this morning. At the new pier, three trips were reported as arriving since yesterday, while there were no fares at T wharf. The largest trip in was that of sch. Robert and Arthur which hailed for 53,000 pounds mixed fish.

Prices were a little better than yesterday, wholesale dealers offering for haddock, \$2.50 for large and \$2 for medium cod, \$1.25 to \$2 for hake and \$1.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 8000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 7000 hake, 15,000 cusk 3000 pollock.

Sch. Advance, 1000 haddock, 2200 cod 11,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

Bait Reports.

Queensport, April 28—Herring are scarce today. No ice.

Amherst Harbor, M. I., April 28—Ice getting loose. Pleasant Bay clear. No bait yet. Expect it every day.

Souris, P. E. I., April 28—Ice conditions unchanged. Heavy drift ice everywhere. Weather clear and foggy.

Dozen of Finest Kind of Capt. Frank Stream Home Crafts Hung Up Here for Lack of Crews.

Vessel owners and skippers are complaining of the scarcity of fishermen just about now, when there is an urgent need for crews. At the present time, there are some 10 or 12 crafts, hung up from sailing, because a full compliment of crews cannot be obtained. The crafts are the very finest in the local fleet, and all are ready for the best paying kind of trips, some for Cape North and others halibuting.

Conditions are due in a great measure it is believed to the fact that many of the fishermen intending to come from Nova Scotia earlier, feared there would not be "sights" for all, so have stayed at home. Just about now men are needed quite badly and there is no doubt that when they learn of the fine chances, a number will come over.

More Sealers Home.

Nine out of 14 steamers engaged in the seal fisheries, have returned to St. John's, N. F., and hail for only 33,000 pelts, which is less than the catch of a single one of the larger steamers of the sealing fleet in ordinary years.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Jorgina was at Shelburne, Tuesday, and cleared.

Schs. Lillian and Leonora, Silveria were at Liverpool on the same day and cleared.

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Norway Union Heavy Loser.

The Norway Fishermen's Union has been a heavy loser on mackerel this year, the Fishing Gazette Says. "Things have fell flat," as one New York factor has put it. The union is a victim of natural and unnatural handicaps—and the European conflict is, of course, one of the unnatural handicaps. It is also true that the Fishermen's Union of Norway has not agreed in policies and prices with New York factors. There has been friction and dissensions that were mutually unprofitable. Some shrewd judges of the market predict a jump skyward in prices around June or July. Then fat and fancy mackerel will be in demand. There will be nothing but thin fish from the producers until the November of 1916. Some expect that mackerel will go up \$3 a barrel. But circumstances aplenty may crop up to entirely upset such forecasts.

Capt. Frank Stream Home Today With 20,000 Lbs. of Halibut.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, is the only off-shore arrival here today. The Stream, 17 days out, has a 20,000 pound fare of fresh halibut, 30,000 pounds fresh cod and 3000 pounds salt cod. The American Halibut were the purchasers of the halibut paying 12 cents a pound for white and nine cents for gray.

Most of the gill netters were obliged to return yesterday on account of the wind and fog outside. Only a few lifted, these having small fares.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

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Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marion, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 20,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 30,000 pounds fresh fish 3000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, haddocking.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.

Sch. James W. Parker, Cape North shacking.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Ruth, Boston.

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Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

No news of importance was received from the seiners today and supposed that the fleet are having weather to the southward.

The netting fares of the Cruiser Lafayette, the first this season, was taken off Cape Henlopen Thursday night. A dispatch says there was dense fog and the fish are moving north.

The mackerel fleet landed 33,000 fresh mackerel for the week end yesterday, mostly large fish taken in nets and traps. The corresponding week last year, the catch was 37,000 fish, mostly mediums taken by seiners.

Salt Mackerel Demand Quiet.

Said a leading Boston authority few days ago: "The demand for mackerel is quiet, and not much improvement is expected until the arrival of new fish. Prices are unchanged and receipts are very light."

The mackerel fleet now in commission is the one factor that can contribute a little life to the domestic mackerel market. So far as reserve stock of last season are concerned, can only be said that they certainly are not visible. What limited supply there are are not being depleted by any noticeable demand. Foreign and domestic mackerel seem to be like the proverbial babes in the woods. They are both lost in the wilderness of commercial inactivity. The domestic variety is far worse off than the foreign specie. Some salt merchants have almost learned to forget that there was such a thing as domestic mackerel; so if this commodity is going to worm in and earn some prestige that the foreign product enjoys, it is time to assert itself. European wars of the nations have yet seriously interfered with mackerel fishing in Norway; so from there, at least, there will be a plentiful supply of mackerel, if Norway is not drawn into the conflict, and if mined seas not interfere with the fishing in Scandinavian waters. Therefore domestic mackerel may not get a selling advantage over Norway mackerel because of the war.—Fishing Gazette.

First Report of the Whalers.

The first reports of the catch of the Atlantic fleet of whalers reached Provincetown last week from Dominick. Five whalers have been reported in Dominick to ship their oil home. Sch. Richard W. Clark. The Clark made the passage from New Bedford to Dominick in 13 days. The following New Bedford whalers are reported with their catches: Bark Wander Edwards, 1000 barrels sperm oil; Viola, Reed, 750 barrels sperm oil; Bark Greyhound, Carvelho, 550 barrels sperm oil; sch. Arthur V. S. Wood, Louis, 500 barrels sperm oil; Bertha D. Nickerson, Joseph, 450 barrels sperm oil.

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PENSACOLA HAD VERY LIGHT WEEK

The catch of fish at Pensacola during the week ending April 18 was very light, both red snapper and grouper of the three companies sending vessels out of this port reaching 114,960 pounds. Of red snapper there were 58,355 pounds and of grouper 24,655 pounds. In all 16 crafts arrived, four for the Warren Fish Co., three for E. E. Saunders & Co., and nine for the recently organized Falk Fish Co. The totals for the companies were as follows: E. E. Saunders & Co., 54,159 pounds, of which 41,540 pounds were red snapper, 12,655 pounds groupers; Warren Fish Co., 29,745 pounds red snapper, 12,620 pounds grouper; Falk Fish Co., 17,650 pounds red snapper, 2,440 pounds grouper. The largest single haul was made by one of the Warren vessels and consisted of 16,312 pounds of red snapper and 5,242 pounds grouper. The largest haul of red snapper was made by one of the Saunders vessels, 17,455 pounds, and only 2,610 pounds grouper. Following are the arrivals:

Warren Fish Co.—William Hays, 16,215 pounds red snapper, 5,420 pounds grouper; Amy Wixon, 6,000 pounds red snapper, 5,000 pounds grouper; Galatia, 6,230 pounds red snapper, 1,200 pounds grouper; Algoma, 1,200 pounds red snapper, 1,000 pounds grouper.

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Mary E. Honey, 11,325 pounds red snapper, 5,000 pounds grouper; Kwasind, 17,455 pounds red snapper, 4,155 pounds grouper; Emily Cooney, 12,760 pounds red snapper, 4,155 pounds grouper.

Falk Fish Co.—Silva H., 3,900 pounds red snapper, 400 pounds grouper; Dorothy, 1,800 pounds red snapper, 800 pounds grouper; Edward D., 800 pounds red snapper, 100 pounds grouper; Genevieve, 700 pounds red snapper, 200 pounds grouper; Two Boys, 900 pounds red snapper, 300 pounds grouper; Louisa, 1,500 pounds red snapper, 200 pounds grouper; Lena F., 750 pounds red snapper, 500 pounds grouper; Dorothy H., 1,200 pounds red snapper, 700 pounds grouper.

The N. F. Fisheries.

The activities among fishermen are more marked than usual on the western and southern Coasts this spring. From Cape Race, north, there is no gear yet in the water, the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review remarks. Although the ice has been cleared off the Coast for some days, the weather has been cold and foggy, and, as a rule, from St. John's, north, fishermen do not figure on beginning the voyage until the first of May. Some of the battery fishermen had a trial outside the Narrows, and, while they report a sign of herring, though they have not yet taken any codfish. They say that the water is not yet warm enough to induce the fish to come to the shoal grounds and inner ledges about St. John's.

THREE FARES IN ON THE WEEK-END

New Haddock Sold at \$2.50 at Boston Fish Piers Today.

Two fares arrived at the new pier, South Boston, and one at wharf over yesterday. At the former was sch. Reading, with 62,000 pounds and the Eva Avina, 3900 pounds cod, while the Flavilla was at T wharf with 12,000 pounds.

Wholesale dealers paid \$2.50 a hundred for haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 for large and \$2 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$1 to \$2 for hake, \$1.50 to \$1.75 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Reading, 27,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 9000 hake, 6000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3900 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Flaville, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3500 hake.

Haddock, 2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50. hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

BEAM TRAWLERS AT PORTLAND

Three beam trawlers laden with over 400,000 pounds of fish for the Burnham & Morrill Co., came in Thursday, the workmen at the canning factory having their hands full in taking care of the immense fares, the greater portion of which were haddock. The Long Island, which landed a record catch of 275,000 pounds 11 days previously, was the first one to make harbor yesterday, she hailing for 140,000 pounds. She took out some 15,000 pounds of cod at Central wharf, which had been sold to local dealers, the balance of the catch going to the East Deering factory. In explanation of the comparatively small catch, the fishermen say they found fish rather scarce on the Western Banks, and on their next trip will probably try their luck on Georges. The other trawlers reporting were the Crest with 100,000 pounds and the Spray with 160,000.

Week's Landings at Boston.

For the week ending April 30, 3,019,900 pounds of fresh fish from 71 arrivals were landed at Boston as compared with 2,187,300 pounds from the same number of trips for the corresponding week in 1914.

Dominion Ice Reports.

As telegraphed by the Superintendent Signal Service, Quebec, to the Halifax Board of Trade, April 28:

Health Point—Clear, calm, no ice.

Cape Traverse—Five miles open water along shore.

Scatarie—Light, close packed ice inshore.

Point Tupper—Loose ice.

Grindstone—Ice conditions same.

Flat Point—Heavy, open ice inshore.

Cape Race—Icebergs east, south and west, three to ten miles.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Maxine Elliott, Annie M. Parker, Aloha and Sylvania were at Canso, N. S., Wednesday.

Schs. Robert and Richard, Conqueror and Sylvania sailed from that place on the same date for the Magdalenes.

Equipped with Hoists.

The following vessels have recently had automatic hoisters installed: John Hays Hammond, Rhodora, Senator and Ingomar.

Port aux Basques Weather.

Port aux Basques weather report today: Temperature, 40, cloudy; wind southeast, 6.4 miles.

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NEW FISH PIER HAS ITS LICENSE

Land Bought for Bar-room Which Will Be Conducted for a Profit.

Among those who had paid for their liquor licenses up to the hour of noon yesterday, as reported at the Boston city treasurer's office, was the Boston Fish Market Corporation, which will conduct a saloon on the fish pier in South Boston. The selling of liquors will be conducted for profit, since the corporation purchased its license in the open market, instead of having one granted by the licensing board.

When application was made some months ago for a license to sell liquor at the fish pier, the suggestion was made that the board grant the corporation one of the 16 old, unused licenses that had lain dormant for years. The board agreed to do this, provided the selling of liquors to fishing crews at the pier be conducted without profit. It did not appear feasible to do this and later the corporation purchased some land and built a store upon it for the sale of liquors. The procuring of the license by the corporation in the open market now enables it to sell for profit.

WINTER BIDS ON HADDOCK TODAY

Dozen Crafts at New Fish Pier Have Just Ordinary Fares.

Prices were better at Boston this morning than for several days past. In all an even dozen fresh fares arrived at the new pier up to 9 o'clock this morning, mostly with haddock and cod.

The largest trip was that of steamer Breaker which had 52,000 pounds. In all, the total of the fares in was about 300,000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations at the opening were \$4.25 to \$5 a hundred for haddock, \$2.75 for large and \$2 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for hake, \$1.50 for pollock.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.

Str. Breaker, 47,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 hake, 18,000 cusk.

Sch. Lillian, 3000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Virginia, 1000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Rebecca, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 2500 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 500 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 2500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 2000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$4.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50.

SCH. PINTA HAS MACKEREL TRIP

One fresh mackerel fare was reported at New York this morning, a despatch to the Times announcing the arrival of sch. Pinta, Capt. Daniel Grady, with 13,000 mixed fish.

Bait and Ice Reports.

Queensport, April 29—About 15 barrels herring today, no ice.

Amherst Harbor, April 29—Lots of ice around island this morning. Pleasant Bay clear, no bait.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arethusa was at Shelburne, N. S. Thursday

Schs. Aloha and Hazel R. Hines cleared from Canso Thursday for the Magdalene Islands.